

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
March 27, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. – W135 House Building

Members Present:

President John L. Valentine, Chair
Speaker Greg J. Curtis, Vice-Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. David Clark

Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Brad King
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Gay Taylor, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant, Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

President Valentine called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Liaoning Province Visit

Mr. Christensen stated that the Utah Legislature has received an invitation to visit the Liaoning Province of China the first two weeks of May and a schedule of the proposed trip was included in the Legislative Management Committee (LMC) mailing packet.

Several of the legislators indicated that they would not be able to go the first of two weeks of May because of other commitments and suggested looking at other dates.

Mr. Christensen said the officials from the Liaoning Province are anxious to have the Utah Legislature visit their country and would be able to accommodate the legislators at a time that will work for them.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to approve the trip to the Liaoning Province at a date to be negotiated by the house and the senate majority leaders and that LMC authorize five legislators from the House and five from the Senate to make the trip.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Dmitrich moved to approve the trip to the Liaoning Province at a date to be negotiated between the house and the senate majority leaders and that the committee authorize six legislators from the House and six from the Senate to make the trip. The motion passed unanimously.

After intervening business, Sen. Bramble made the motion to revisit their discussion of the Liaoning Province visit.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved that the visit to the Liaoning Province be scheduled for June 23 to July 1 and that LMC authorize six legislators from the House and six legislators from the Senate to attend with approval by the speaker and the president. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Possible Immigration Summit

Mr. Christensen indicated that there was a discussion among some legislators during the 2007 General Session about the possibility of holding a one-day summit for legislators, Utah congressional delegation, and other interested parties to discuss the issue of immigration.

Sen. Stephenson stated that the issue of immigration is an ongoing challenge and he is suggesting the need for the one-day summit to address the problems with immigration in a bipartisan way.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved that Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dmitrich, Rep. Becker, and Rep. Clark designate one legislator from their respective bodies to participate in a committee to come before LMC with some recommendations and an agenda for the proposed one-day immigration summit and to meet with representatives from Utah's congressional delegation regarding a date and time for that meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request for a Privatization Study

Sen. Stephenson indicated that last year the Business and Labor and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committees sent letters to LMC requesting the creation of a joint subcommittee to study government competition with the private sector. He indicated that the motion to approve the joint subcommittee failed and he is requesting that LMC revisit this issue.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to approve the joint subcommittee and to authorize the chairs of the Business and Labor and Revenue and Taxation Interim Committees to appoint the members of the subcommittee, which will consist of six members from the House and four members from the Senate

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Eastman moved to authorize a joint subcommittee to study government competition with the private sector comprised of eight members, five Republicans and three Democrats, from the Business and Labor and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committees. The subcommittee chairs and members will be appointed by the speaker and the president. The subcommittee will be authorized to hold six meetings and will come back to LMC for approval of a scope of study. The motion passed with Rep. Litvack and Rep. Moss voting in the negative.

President Valentine said he will be appointing Sen. Stephenson and Sen. Goodfellow to be members of the joint subcommittee.

5. Session Statistics

Mr. Christensen discussed the session statistics from the 2007 General Session. He indicated that 732 bills were introduced and 423 passed.

6. Legislative Management Policies

Ms. Taylor reviewed the Legislative Management Policies, including changes made by the 2007 General Session and changes recommended by staff.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to approve the policies of the Legislative Management Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Master Study Resolution and Appropriations Acts

Mr. Christensen said staff has grouped the Master Study items by interim committees. LMC can adopt staff's suggestions or make changes by moving the study items from one committee to another committee, or have the committees come back to LMC with their recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to move Study Item #210 "*Traffic Light Enforcement*" from the Transportation Interim Committee to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Becker moved to add "*Family Learning Centers*" to the Education Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to add "*Tax Deferrals for the Elderly*" to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee and "*Public Notices on the Internet*" to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to add "*Statewide Purchasing of Telecommunications*" to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee and to add "*Court-ordered Child Support Restoration Issues*" to the Judiciary Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to add "*Statewide Purchasing of Telecommunications*" to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee; "*Court-ordered Child Support Restoration Issues*" and "*Requiring Documentation of Legal Status for Health Services*" to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee; "*Rep. Harper's 1997 Changes to B&C Road Fund-Hold Harmless*" to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee; and "*No Contest Divorce and Equal Custody Issues*" to the Judiciary Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to add a study item "*Retaining Emergency Room Physicians and On Call Coverage*" to the Judiciary Interim Committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to add "*Retaining Emergency Room Physicians and On Call Coverage*" to the Judiciary and the Health and Human Services Interim Committees and "*Prescription Licensure for Psychologists*" to the Business and Labor and the Health and Human Services Interim Committees. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to add "*the Six Percent Cola for Providers*" and "*the Issue of the Legislatively Appropriated \$2,500 Pay Raise for all Teachers*" to the Executive Appropriations Committee's study list.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Killpack moved to add "*the Six Percent Cola for Providers*," "*the Issue of the Legislatively Appropriated \$2,500 Pay Raise for all Teachers*," and "*the \$30,000,000 Acquisition for Corridors to be a Local Match*" to the Executive Appropriations Committee's study list. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Master Study Resolution as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve Items 1-13 on the Executive Appropriations Committee study list. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

8. Sunset Review and Repeal Assignments

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to assign the sunset repeal assignments to the committees indicated by staff. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

9. Interim Dates

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the interim schedule for 2007. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved that LMC require the appropriation subcommittees to meet twice during the 2007 interim before October 1, 2007. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

Determination of Possible Site Visit

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the 2007 site visit for the Salt Lake and Davis counties on August 13th and 14th.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Becker moved to approve the 2007 site visit for the Salt Lake and Davis counties on August 16 and 17, 2007. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

10. Appropriation Subcommittee Request

Mr. Christensen reviewed a letter from the Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee requesting approval to hold a meeting on May 2 and September 5, 2007.

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee's request to hold two subcommittee meetings during the 2007 interim. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Mayne, and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

11. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Speaker Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Valentine adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

